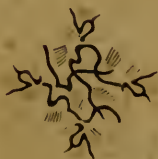


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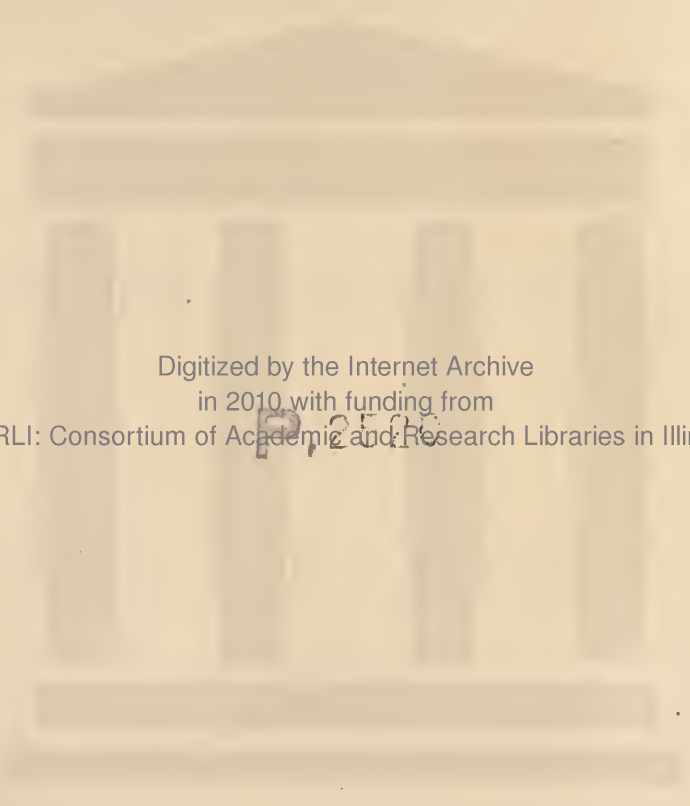
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Report . . .

ON presenting to the public the 11th Annual Report of the Pacific Garden Mission, it is with profound thanksgiving to God for his great blessings upon the work and workers during the whole year. We have all been kept in comparative good health, with one or two exceptions of short and not serious sickness, and at the close of this the 11th year of our work we are all in fair health and ready to enter upon another year of work with as much freshness and vigor of body and mind as when we first started the work. A merciful providence has indeed been over us all, and we have truly found His "yoke easy and His burden light."

Our meetings have been well attended, and as will be seen by the report, with very gratifying results, and yet we all feel that more can be done in this direction with a deeper consecration and more zeal, and with a larger expenditure of means in employing missionaries and visitors to canvass more thoroughly the neighborhood in which the Mission is situated. Many kind friends have contributed in money and in articles of clothing, &c., the means in part with which we have been able to keep up the work. Our prayer is may God ever bless them.

We are also thankful to God for the many kind friends who have given us personal assistance in the work. Among the voluntary workers we would especially mention Mr. Chas. Cook, Mrs. Sarah Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Hubbell, Mr. Elmore, Mr. G. E. Wilson, Mr. Brashur, Rev. C. Swift, Dr. S. Leavitt, Mr. Saml. Pike, J. E. Johnson, Mr. Warner, Mr. Woodward, Mrs. H. Hand, Miss Boington, Miss Emma Kisner, and many other converts and members of the choir.

These added to our regular corps of workers consisting of Mr. Harry Monroe, Miss Flora Patterson, Mrs. Neeland, Mrs.

Geo. E. Wilson, and the founders of the Mission, have carried on with the help occasionally of visiting ministers and evangelists and lay workers, the in-door work of the Mission for the last year—the regular workers for the most part being present all day Sunday, and six nights each week. The meetings are held every night of each week, and two Gospel meetings during the day on Sunday.

Cards of invitation are given out on the street each night and Sunday morning by the yoke fellows, and display cards on the windows of the Mission announcing the meetings, are the chief means used, with the singing, to attract people in off the streets.

Short Gospel addresses, much singing, repeating of Bible texts by the audience, many earnest prayers, and the testimonies of the converts and others, closing with an after meeting and an altar service, is the usual manner of conducting the meetings.

Communion services are held each month, of which all the lovers of our Lord, without distinction of creed, are at liberty to partake, after suitable admonitions are given by the leader of the meeting. The converts are advised to connect themselves with some Christian church, and to take upon themselves some regular Christian work, either in the church or at the Missions, and we are happy to state that the advice given them is for the most part heeded.

Many drinking men have been saved to their families and friends, and many homes have been made happy. Many poor and sick have been helped; many mourning hearts have been comforted; and many, heretofore criminals, have been made honest men; and many poor lost girls have been rescued by the Mission, during the past year.

Many strangers passing through the city and stopping over for a night or two, have found salvation for themselves at the Mission, and have gone on their way rejoicing, to lead a better life, and to make their home and friends happy.

We have kept a record of the members in attendance so far as we could, and also of those professing to seek the salvation of their souls during the past year, the report of which is given elsewhere. We know not how many have been truly converted to God, but we have reason to believe that the number is very large. Many of the converts of the Mission are active workers in other fields of labor in other cities, villages and communities; some are ordained Ministers and Evangelists. We often hear from these by letter or otherwise, and are happy to find them generally successful and happy in their Christian work. In another part of this report will be found a few letters from some of these, which will furnish a sample

of the whole. The finances required to carry on the work have been in former years largely contributed by the founders of the Mission, but during the last year the friends of the Mission have contributed much more largely than ever before, and so the burden has been correspondingly less on us.

We have run behind and gotten in debt some by the great draft made upon us for funds and owing to some losses in business incurred two years ago, and by extraordinary discounts of assets in raising money to keep up the work, we have been often greatly embarrassed financially. But we have trusted our case to the dear Lord and have practiced much self denial, and so have been thus far enabled to keep open the Mission doors, but we must say that the work has been somewhat crippled thereby. If more means was contributed more good work could be done.

We are happy to say that some dear brethren and kind friends of the Mission are about to devise some way of relief to us in the near future which will be made known to the public when the arrangements are completed.

We have a lease of the present building for nearly four years longer, and it is situated on one of the great thoroughfares of the South side, and in the place where such work as that of this Mission is greatly needed. The large attendance of young men at the Mission each week, many of them just newly arrived in the city, has been a very gratifying feature of our work and a surprise to our visiting friends from the old country and other cities of our own country. As many as thirteen nationalities have taken part in one of our meetings, which shows the cosmopolitan character of our audiences, and we are happy to say that the same Gospel which converts an enlightened American, is also as powerful to convert the "heathen Chinese," or the poor ostracized Pole or Italian.

We are greatly indebted to the Baptist Ladies' Missionary Training School for active workers in our Sunday School and Sewing School, the entire charge of this work being in their hands, and it is most efficiently and faithfully done. Many poor children are greatly benefited by them, homes made more cheerful and happy, and many dear children saved from the slums of the city, and many are, we trust, hopefully converted.

The work begun by this Mission at 286 Clark Street, eleven years ago, in a little room seating some 80 people, has been gradually enlarging and expanding until it has reached its present growth; but in all that time the Mission has been kept up, with for the greater part of the time nightly and Sunday morning meetings, till the total attendance of all these years has reached some six hundred thousand, and of

those professing a desire at the altar to lead a better life, has reached some thirty thousand !

Shall this blessed work close or go on? Much, dear reader, will depend upon you and a generous public in helping in one way or another in keeping open the Mission and in the Christian work of the Mission.



ATTENDANCE AT THE MISSION ROOM GOSPEL MEETINGS, IN DOORS.

September, 1887, from 15th to end of month	3,985
October.....	7,765
November.....	7,190
December.....	9,375
January, 1888	7,515
February.....	7,525
March.....	7,555
April.	7,235
May.....	7,250
June.....	6,410
July.....	6,870
August	5,755
September, from 1st to 15th, partly estimated.....	3,000

Total at in-door Gospel Meetings for year
ending September 15th, 1888... 87,440

ATTENDANCE AT MISSION IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Estimated.....	4,200
In Bible Class, estimated.....	2,000
In Sewing School for Girls, estimated.....	3,000
In out-door meetings held by the workers and con- verts of Mission, with others, estimated.....	10,000

Total attendance at all meetings in-doors
and out for the year ending Septem-
ber 15th..... 106,640

NUMBER OF PERSONS MONTHLY BOWING AT THE ALTAR AND CLASSED AS SEEKERS AFTER SALVATION IN THE MISSION, FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 1888.

September 15th to end of month, 1887.....	193
October.....	367
November.....	333
December.....	704
January, 1888.....	416
February.....	380
March.....	314
April.....	300
May.....	293
June.....	249
July.....	310
August.....	313
September 1st to 15th, partly estimated.....	200

Total.....4,372

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS IN-DOORS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 15, 1888.

Gospel Meetings.....	469
Sunday School.....	52
Bible Class.....	52
Sewing School.....	52
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Total number of meetings in-doors.....	625
Number of Gospel meetings out-doors.....	25
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Total meetings.....	650
Visits to Jail by Mrs. Geo. R. Clarke accompanied part of the time by Mrs. Hubbell and Mrs. Hand.....	104
Number of tracts, books, bibles and religious papers given out in the jail by Mrs. Clarke and other workers, and at the Mission and homes of poor, for the year ending Sept., 15, 1888, partly estimated.....	30,000
Number of cards of invitation given out.....	145,000
Number of Annual Reports given out.....	500
Amount of second-hand clothing given out at the Mission to the poor for the year, estimated garments.....	500

DONATIONS TO THE P. G. MISSION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 1888.

Geo. C. Walker.....	\$150.00
N. S. & C. B. Bouton.....	125.00
Mrs. B. W. Raymond, 2d Presb. Church, per Rev. Mr. McPherson.....	100.00
Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., per Mr. S. Pike.....	100.00
Mr. Ed. E. Ayer, per S. Pike.....	100.00
Dr. S. Leavitt.....	105.50
A. M. Delight, (part of collections made by him)	115.00
Samuel Pike, Esq., for himself.....	100.00
O. B. Green, Esq.....	100.00
J. V. Farwell & Co., per S. Pike.....	100.00
Mr. G. L. Lighter, “.....	100.00
T. W. Harvey, “.....	100.00
Collections on Sunday mornings and Sunday evenings at the Mission.....	303.63
C. T. Hutchin-on, per S. Pike.....	50.00
Rev. M. G. Knight.....	50.00
Presb. S. School of Lake Forest, per F. A. Root,	25 00

Rev. Carlos Swift.....	\$25.00
C. H. Pond.....	25.00
Markley, Alling & Co., per S. Pike.....	25.00
Dr. S. Leavitt, for a friend at Marshall Field's store.....	20.00
Mrs. Owsley.....	20.00
Florence McCarthy.....	15.00
Mrs. Sarah Cook.....	11.00
Chas. Cook.....	10.00
Rev. Mr. Wooster, of the 6th Presb. Church, per S. Pike.....	10.00
T. S. Hinkley.....	10.00
Mrs. Dr. Tounge.....	10.00
J. S. Ford, per C. S. Pike.....	10.00
Rev. Mr. Trusdell, for the Chicago Relief and Aid Association, part funeral expenses for poor boy	10.00
Thos. Brown.....	10.00
Mrs. Mary Cars.....	8.10
Mrs. H. Hand.....	6.00
Hubbell & Son.....	5.00
Mrs. Arwin.....	5.00
Mrs. E. Carpenter.....	5.00
Miss Dora Mertz, of Quincy, Ill.....	5.00
C. W. Merriam, per S. Pike.....	5.00
A Friend, (at Farwell Hall,).....	5.00
R. W. McComlee.....	5.00
Mr. Lord, (Druggist,).....	5.00
Mr. Lamureaux.....	5.00
Mrs. Verbric. R. R. Car shops.....	5.00
Geo. E. Burnell.....	5.00
Fieldhouse & Dutcherr.....	5.00
W. B. Jacobs.....	5.00
E. O. Excell.....	5.00
F. Revell.....	5.00
Mr. Redfield.....	5.00
Thos. B. Bryan.....	5.00
Bryan Lathrop.....	5.00
Lyman Gage.....	5.00
John P. Drake.....	5.00
A. Leob Bros.....	5.00
Jacob Weil.....	5.00
Mr. Peabody.....	5.00
W. G. Ferguson.....	5.00
B. F. Jacobs.....	5.00
Keen Bros., hardware.....	5.00
Frank Oviatt.....	1.00

Geo. W. Hoffman.....	5.00
Mr. F. Rumsey, per S. Pike.....	5.00
Mrs. Geo. E. Shipman, of Foundling's Home.....	5.00
Mr. Tarbox.....	5.00
Mrs. Johnston, of Evanston, per S. A. Kean.....	4.00
E. P. Leonard, Rockford.....	2.00
John M. Cook.....	2.00
Capt. H. W. Hoyt.....	2.00
Mrs. Dr. Mandle.....	3.00
F. A. Fnrber.....	2 00
Mr. Kennedy, (convert).....	1.00
Mr. Pettibone, Rocton, Ill.....	2.00
Mr. Babcock.....	2.00
Mr. Nichle, (singer,).....	1.00
Mrs. Boington.....	1.00
Mrs. Von O'Linden.....	1.00
Mrs. Houghton.....	1.00
Stranger, per Mr. Cook.....	1.00
“ “ Babcock.....	1.00
J. B. Lyon.....	1.00
E. W. Bliss.....	1.00
Stranger; at Farwell Hall.....	1.00
Mrs. Geo. Wilson.....	50
A Friend.....	25

Total Contributions for Year ending Sept. —————

6, 1888.....\$2,129.98

EXPENSES OF THE PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION FOR THE YEAR ENDING
SEPTEMBER 1, 1888.

Rent of Mission rooms.....	\$2,000.00
Janitor, including janitor's supplies.....	350.00
Harry Monroe, Missionary and leader of choir. .	780.00
Organist and singers.....	480.00
Printing cards of invitation, tracts, reports, etc..	186.00
Singing books and song leaflets.....	81.00
Gas bill.....	182 00
Electric light.....	120.00
Coal and kindling wood.....	90.00
In exchange of organs and tuning.....	50.00
Railroad and car fare, partly estimated	146.00
Repairs Mission, water tax, sewer repairs, plumb- ing, chairs, rugging, etc.....	191.01
To Chistmas dinner for 600 poor.....	138.00
To poor and sick, lodgings, meals, funeral expen- ses, medicines, etc.....	461.50
Total.....	<u>\$5,255.51</u>

The following are some of the Letters
referred to in a preceding page of
this Report.

This is from a convert of ten years standing.

MONMOUTH, Aug. 14, 1888.

My dear kind Friend: God is surely with us here in the work. Last week the dear Lord gave me seven or eight souls as a result of the meetings. Bro. Geo. came to help me on Saturday. The rooms are filled every night and many of the worst men and women of this place are finding their way to Christ as well as some of the best class of people they have here. We can truly say the hand of the Lord is leading I do not know how long we shall stay at this place, I think this week and may be next. We will have I think open doors to step into when we get through here, in other places around this neighborhood that will keep us engaged for some time. Bro. Geo. and I shall work together this fall and winter if God will let us. He surely has put His seal to our work at this place. I hope dear friend Col. and your dear wife and Harry together, with all the dear ones at the Mission, will keep praying for us that we may be kept low at the foot of the Cross and in a place where God can use us for His glory.

My earnest prayer to our God every day is for His richest blessing to rest upon you and your co-workers, and that many souls be given you for your hire. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, with whom we are stopping, wish to be kindly remembered to yourself and Mrs. Clark, Bro. Harry and Bro. Geo. Wilson. My Bro. Geo. and I send kind regards and Christian love to you all. And may God bless you my more than friend, is the prayer of your boy and brother in Christ,

A. H. BUCK.

“Praise His Name.”—John xi, 40.

This is from a German who was converted in the Mission, and the Mr. Childs referred to is also a convert of our Mission, and is now Superintendent of the Bethesda Mission in New York.

INSANE PAVILION, BELLEVUE HOSPITAL, }
N. Y. CITY, May 10th, 1888. }

My dear Friend and Brother: According to promise I went to see Bro: Childs this morning. He is well, body and soul, and will write to you; says he did not get an answer to his last letter. Meetings at the Bethesda Mission are well attended and the expenses forthcoming as needed.

At the first day of this month, I have been appointed to my present position. We have four attendants, two at night and two at day time to receive new insane patients who are observed by us, and two doctors, experts on insanity, before they are lawfully declared insane. Duty is easy but great responsibility attached to it, as our report decides their future.

Next Sunday, God willing, I will join Bro. A. B. Simpson's church, (Gospel Temperance). So far I have not been a member of any church, but now I can attend regularly, thanks to our heavenly Father.

Dear brother, where would I be if the Master had not been following me with loving care. How kindly and lovingly He has showed me my mistakes (and they have been many) and took me to His bosom. I am so glad that at last I don't care for anything so long as He is a friend. What a friend we (you and I) have in Jesus. God bless you, dear brother, you always had a word of encouragement for me, a poor, weak brother. God grant you many souls and keep you in the hollow of his hand, and be a blessing to many.

Yours in Him,

W. D. BOLTE.

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The writer of this was before his conversion in the Mission some 4 years ago, one of the poor unfortunates who were victims of the cup.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 7th, 1888.

Dear Col. and Mrs. Clarke: No doubt you will be astonished to hear from me and that I am enjoying good health which I hope you also have. I wish you both a happy New Year. I have been careless in not writing and deserve a reprimand, but there is not a day that I have not thought or

spoken of you both, as regards the kindnesses, etc., shown me when I was not really worthy. I am enjoying good health now. My weight was 153 pounds. Mother and I expect to come to Chicago in the spring and start a business. I suppose you are still conducting the Mission. Give my regards to Harry Monroe and all the friends of the Mission. Please write me an answer what you think of the idea of mother and me starting a first class fruit and confectionery there.

Yours, &c.

JOHN PESTEL,
862 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Md

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The following letter is from a person who was converted in the County jail under the ministrations of Mrs. Clarke.

AUGUST 7TH, 1888.

Dear Brother and Sister Clarke: The privilege of writing this letter is by special permit of our good warden, as you know we are only allowed to write once in five weeks, except by special favor.

Now dear Sister Clarke, do you know I could not let this 7th day of August pass without sharing my anniversary joys with you, (God's own blessed messenger,) who, when I was in prison visited me, and pointed a poor lost soul to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." One year ago this day, dear sister, I gave my heart, my soul, my body, my life, for ever to the Lord Jesus Christ, to be His for time and for eternity. Oh! if I could only express to you the blessedness of the past year! You might say that is strange, there can't be much blessedness in spending a year in Cook County Jail and the Ill. State Penitentiary. You cannot fully appreciate, dear sister, the fullness of my joy, because you do not know from what depths of misery and anguish I was rescued, but e'er long when we see each other face to face, and I can tell you in a feeble way of what our blessed Heavenly Father has rescued me from, I think it will seem to you little less than the wonderful and miraculous conversion of Saul of Tarsus, and many others during the life of our Savior.

Dear sister and brother Clarke, I can say to you both on this 7th day of August, the first annual anniversary day of my new birth, that the last year, (although spent in prison and passing through some of the most terrible trials and anguish,) has been more to me, a thousand times, than all the rest of my life combined. I would not at this moment ex-

change one hour of my life in Him for a life-time of all the pleasures, honors, wealth or anything and everything that this earth could afford me. Christ has grown more and more precious to me each day, each month, until now I can look up to Him and say, "My All and in All." You and your dear husband do know far, far more of God's infinite love and mercy and power than I do, or shall ever deserve to know on this earth; but, dear ones, you don't know from what depths of woe and utter desolation, and anguish and perfect weakness He saved me. And you cannot know how perfectly and completely He has saved me, how every prayer has been answered, sinful desires and thoughts been eradicated, and such a wonderful blessed nearness and fullness, and how entirely I am trusting, resting, reposing in my blessed Saviour. Oh! how I long now to be free, to meet His loved ones, to tell to those who are in the blackness of darkness, of the Light I have found.

Oh! dear sister and brother, rejoice with me, for I was "dead and am alive, lost and am found."

If God spares my life, you will see me, not many hours after October 1st. I know I have no claim on your friendship whatever, but somehow you seem like father, mother, sister, and more than friend to me. I am so utterly friendless, as far as earth is concerned, but I have the Friend of friends. You must write me. I do so want to hear from you. You know my prayer for both.

Yours in Christ,

R. GARRETTSON.





The Founders and Bro. Harry Monroe of the Mission, have been present at all the meetings, with but rare exceptions, six nights each week during the whole year.

Respectfully Submitted.

MR. & MRS. GEO. R. CLARKE,

FOUNDERS OF THE MISSION.





